

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] FIGURE 1 schematically illustrates in longitudinal section two stages of a turbine structure. In the illustrated structure, a generally part cylindrical or U-shaped recess 10 is defined at the base of each nozzle root 12 receiving groove 14. A loading pin 16 is inserted into this recess between the casing 18 and the nozzle 20 for locking these parts with the nozzle in its pre-twisted disposition. To assuredly lock each nozzle and maintain its pre-twist, in an embodiment of the invention, the loading pin 16,116,216 is generally wedge shaped having a part cylindrical wall portion 22,122,222 and a graduated, i.e., inclined or stepped, wall portion 24,124,224.

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] An alternate embodiment of the invention is illustrated in FIGURES 4-5 and 7, rather than a tapered or substantially continuously inclined surface, wall portion 224 is comprised of discrete stepped portions. In the illustrated embodiment, a single step is defined along the length of the pin 216. More specifically, in this end, the pin is machined to define a flat nozzle engaging surface 234,236 adjacent each end 226,228, said surfaces being generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the loading pin, and the loading pin 216 is machined to define an inclined transition or step 238 between the parallel surfaces ~~226,228~~ 234,236. As illustrated by dashed line 240, the offset between flat surfaces ~~226,228~~ 234,236 is limited. As also illustrated, a cutout 242 at the nozzle root may be provided to facilitate pin insertion.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] As noted above, it is to be understood that while a continuously inclined surface and a single stepped surface are illustrated as embodiments of the invention, the inclined surface need not be continuously inclined but can be provided as a series of discrete steps. Furthermore, the discrete flats ~~226,228~~ 234,236 of the steps may

themselves be provided as surfaces that are generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the pin as illustrated in FIGURE 4, or may be inclined themselves. Moreover, while in the illustrated embodiment, the transition 238 between discrete steps is provided as an inclined surface, it is to be understood that in the alternative, a plurality of discrete, generally perpendicular radial steps may be provided, whereby the cross-sectional area of the pin is increased from the distal end to the proximal continuously or in steps.